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The Battalion was gazetted on the 13th. Dec, 1862, and then consisted of seven Companies, the three first of which had been for some years in existence, Nos. 1 and 2 as Rifles, and No. 3 as a Highland Company. The Companies were :—

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| No. 1. | Capt. O'Reilly.                            |
|        | Lieut. Henderson.                          |
|        | Ens. A. Turner.                            |
| No. 2. | Capt. Cattley.                             |
|        | Lieut. Papps.                              |
|        | Ens. Watson.                               |
| No. 3. | Capt. Skinner.                             |
|        | Lieut. A. F. Skinner.                      |
|        | Ens. McKillop.                             |
|        | Retired. Retaining rank 21st. March, 1863. |
| No. 4. | Capt. Brown.                               |
| No. 5. | " Mingaye.                                 |
| No. 6. | " McInnes.                                 |
| No. 7. | " Bell.                                    |

The following Companies were added :—On 19th. Dec. '62, No. 8, Capt. McKeown; on 9th. Jan., '63, No. 9, Capt. Law. On 10th. July, 1863, No. 8 was removed from list; and 10th. Nov. 1865, No. 7 was also removed. On 15th. Dec. 1865 No. 3 was removed and No. 9 substituted therefor, leaving a Battalion of six Companies.

By General Order of 23rd. May, 1867, the Dundas Infantry Company (Capt. Wardell) and the Waterdown Infantry Company (Capt. Glasgow) were attached to the 13th. Battalion for administrative purposes, as Nos. 7 and 8, and remained so, till by G. O. of 23rd. May 1872, the 77th. Battalion was formed, in which they are now Nos. 1 and 2. No. 7 and part of No. 8 attended the Regimental Camp at Grimsby, in 1870, and both Companies attended the Niagara Brigade Camp, in 1871, with the 13th. Battalion.

Until 3rd. June, 1870, promotion in the Battalion was by Companies, at which date a General Order was published, directing that in future promotion should be by Regimental Seniority.

#### PRESENTATION OF COLORS.

On the 1st. Sept., 1863, the Battalion was presented with its Colors by Mrs. Isaac Buchanan. A proper escort having been formed under Command of Capt. Henderson of No. 1 Company, and Ensigns Watson and Buchanan selected for the honor of receiving the Colors, they were first consecrated by the Rev. J. Gamble Geddes, A. M., Rector of Christ's Church, after which Mrs. Buchanan read the following address and handed them over to Major Skinner:—

#### OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 13TH. BATTALION OF ROYAL CANADIAN VOLUNTEER MILITIA OF CANADA:—

I have very great pleasure in presenting to you these Colors which have just been set apart to the service of our beloved Queen and Country.

The Blessing of the Almighty has just been invoked upon your Arms, and so long as you keep these Colors unsullied from the stain of dishonor, you may indeed expect the blessing of the God of Battles to fall upon your Arms, for these will never, I trust, be taken up by you save in a righteous cause—the defence of your homes, which you declare yourselves "*Semper paratus*" to defend, if need be with your lives.

This Color—the Queen's—the Meteor Flag of our dear old England—wonderfully glorious wherever it flashes—is ever the harbinger of peace and prosperity, and the pledge of protection to all who shelter beneath its folds. Ever ready is it to be unfurled in a just cause, on the side of the weak against the strong. This flag, which has been the symbol of freedom and justice in the past ages, will still, in the ages to come, flutter in the van of the triumph of the right over the wrong, and just because and so long as it is carried on the side of justice.

This Color you are entitled to carry in virtue of the Uniform you wear, and which makes it your duty to take heed that no aggressive foe tries to snatch Canada from Britain's glorious diadem. May God long spare our beloved Queen to command the services of our best and bravest.

This other Color is yours as belonging to the 13th. Battalion of Canadian Volunteers. And what does this imply? Simply, that you are prepared in an hour of need, should such unhappily come upon us, which God forbid, to form part of a fence around Canada, between us and the foe. The best guarantee that such a day shall not dawn upon us, is that you Volunteers be indeed "*Semper paratus*," not only for such parades as this, but for the stern realities of the battle-field. We are all interested that so

untoward an event as war may be averted; how deeply interested who among us could say,—for are not the lives of our best beloved at stake? But peace will not be maintained by folding our hands and shutting our eyes to the possibility of war, and crying *peace*. We must prepare ourselves for possible troublesome times now, as the best earnest we have of continued peace. Strive to master all the details that are to make soldierly men of you now, so as to have nothing of that sort to learn when the day of action arrives. You will never be called upon to take part in aggressive warfare—to tarnish the silver wing of peace, and desolate homes; but not the less courageously will our own homes be defended; and let the foe who would tread on Canadian soil beware! he could only dare this in ignorance of the defence around us—men with the hearts and souls of men, who will not flee even from the face of death if there lies their post of duty.

I have much pleasure in handing over to your safe keeping these Colors, in full confidence that you will be "*Semper paratus*" to defend them.

Major Skinner then made the following reply:—

**MRS. BUCHANAN, MADAME:**—

In the name and on behalf of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 13th. Battalion Royal Canadian Volunteer Militia, I thank you for your very beautiful gift.

Imbued with feelings of devoted loyalty to our beloved Queen, we have, at the call of her representative in this Province, associated ourselves together for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of the use of arms, not for mere pastime or parade, but to enable us to do our duty as men

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should ever our services be required in defence of the British Empire on this Continent. We know not what the future has in store for us; we pray for peace, but should it be the will of the All-wise Disposer of Events to afflict our beloved country with the horrors of war, I feel every confidence in assuring you that the 13th. Battalion will be found ready, aye ready! to do battle for our Queen and Country, whether assailed by foreign enemies or domestic traitors.

I would again thank you Madame for those splendid Colours. I trust they will be the means of inspiring us with renewed energy and attention to our duties, and I confidently express the hope that so long as an officer or man of this Regiment can wield a weapon in their defence, they shall remain unsullied from the stain of dishonor.

#### PRESENTATION OF MACE.

On the 4th. March, 1869, the Ladies of Hamilton presented a Mace to the Battalion, the following account of which is taken from the *Evening Times* of 5th. March, 1869:—

“The monthly parade of the Thirteenth Battalion at the Drill Shed, last evening, was an occasion of more than ordinary interest, being signalized by the presentation of a handsome testimonial of appreciation from a committee of ladies, in the form of a Baton, to be borne by the Drum-Major in front of the Battalion. The occasion attracted a large concourse of spectators, including a fair proportion of ladies, who watched the evolutions of the different companies with interest. At half-past eight the Battalion was formed on the north side of the Shed, and the spec-

tators occupied the gallery and the south-side. Mrs Isaac Buchanan then stepped forward, and, in behalf of the ladies of Hamilton, presented the Baton to Colonel Skinner, who advanced to receive the token. The lady read the following address:—

**"COLONEL SKINNER, OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE THIRTEENTH BATTALION:—**

" We, the ladies of Hamilton, have, from its first enrolment, felt the deepest interest in your Battalion, and naturally so, composed, as it is, of our husbands, sons and brothers, whose dangers are our dangers, whose triumphs are our triumphs. We feel we have good reason to be proud of the 13th. Battalion—men who in the hour of need have been tried and have been found ready to do their duty; and we are always glad of an opportunity to give expression to our sense of indebtedness to you, that you were forward to lay down your lives, if need be, that our hearths and homes should remain unviolated.

" And not only have you defended us in danger, but you have ministered to our pleasures in peace, and we desire to testify to the gratification which, through your kindness, we have experienced in listening to your excellent Band, second, we believe, to no Militia Band in the Dominion. In the drill shed, the concert hall, the ball room, the Gore, on the rinks, on the lake, in behalf of the public charities of our city, on occasions too numerous to detail, we have to thank you for the ungrudging manner in which you have contributed to our amusement, proving yourselves to be ever ready in this, as in graver matters.

" As a slight acknowledgment of the obligations under which you have laid us, in days of danger and anxiety,

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as well as in times like these of security and peace, and a very slight acknowledgment, it seems, when measured by our indebtedness, and as a token of the deep interest we take in your Battalion, we beg you to accept this Drum Major's Baton and other insignia; and we have only to add, long may the Battalion retain, as at present, a foremost place of honor, as it has of danger, among the Militia Regiments of Canada; and long may it be the pride of the ladies of Hamilton that they may rely implicitly on the 13th. Battalion, as always ready to be their most efficient defence; and in time to come, we feel assured our sons and our sons' sons will consider it an honorable distinction among their fellow-countrymen, and be proud to tell that they belong, as their fathers did, to the 13th. Battalion of the Volunteer Militia of Canada; and while they have their colors to defend, they will feel that their country expects each man to do his duty. But may we not be allowed to hope that this Baton will remind them that their mothers, their wives, their sisters, are pledged that they will do it, and the ladies of Hamilton will each feel then, as we do now, that her dearest and best is "*Semper paratus*" to his duty—the best, the bravest, the grandest work a man can do."

Col. Skinner in behalf of the Battalion replied as follows:—

MRS. BUCHANAN,—

"Six years ago I received from your hands those Colors, as a token of our loyalty to the British Crown. I then promised on behalf of the 13th. Battalion, that they would be defended to the last, whether against foreign enemies or domestic traitors. The regiment has since

then gone through some trying times, but I am proud to say that I have yet to meet the man who can say with truth that our Colors have ever received the least stain of dishonor.

"It did not require this demonstration to convince us that the ladies of Hamilton took a deep interest in our welfare. We had ample evidence of that when we most needed their sympathy.

"On behalf of the Thirteenth Battalion, I have to thank you, and through you the ladies of Hamilton, for your very beautiful present, and would assure you that you will always find us endeavoring to do our duty in the future as we have done in the past.

"I feel gratified for the compliment you have paid the Band, feeling, as I do, that it is well deserved."

The Baton was manufactured in Toronto, and cost \$300. It consists of a staff of birds-eye maple, encircled in the middle by a silver band, on which will be engraved the date of presentation, etc. The lower ferule is of silver, the top of the staff being a silver enlargement surmounted by a crown of gold enclosing a crimson cap. Within an encircling garter is the "XIII," bounded by the inscription "Royal Canadian Militia Volunteers," the whole surrounded by laurel branches, twined with the National Flag. Beneath is the emblem of Canada, the Beaver, and the motto of the Battalion, "*Semper paratus.*" On the back is "V. R." and the inscription, "Presented by the ladies of Hamilton to the 13th. Battalion, 1869."

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## FROM FORMATION OF BATTALION TO CAMP THOROLD.

The first issue of clothing to the Battalion was made on the 27th May, 1863. Previous to this time Nos. 1 and 2 were Rifle Companies, and No. 3 a Highland Company, and furnished their own clothing, but at this date they were all equipped as Infantry.

The first occasion on which the Battalion took part in a Review was at Brantford, on the 3rd September, 1863, when General Napier reviewed a force consisting of 1000 Regulars, 2,300 Volunteers, and about 200 Indians of the Six Nations tribe. The following notice of the 13th Battalion is taken from a report of the Review :—

"The 13th Battalion, under Major Skinner, distinguished themselves for their general proficiency in drill, and especially in forming squares to resist cavalry. The largest number from any one place was from Hamilton. The number of men from 13th. was 300, and the Officers were Major Skinner; Captains Henderson, Cattley, Mingaye, Bell and Law; Lieutenants Papps, Macrae, Askin, Hilton, Biggar and Wink; Ensigns Watson, Buchanan, Irving, Jamieson and Inkson.

The first official inspection was made by Lieut. Col. Hoste, C. B. of the Royal Artillery, who was appointed Inspector of Volunteers for the District on the 13th. Jan. 1864, during which month he inspected the 13th. Battalion.

On the 21st. April, 1865, three Battalions of Volunteers were placed on the frontier, the 1st. or Eastern Administrative Battalion having its Head Quarters at Windsor, the 2nd. or Niagara Administrative Battalion at Niagara, and the 3rd. or Western at Prescott. One Company

composed of men from the various Companies of the 13th. Volunteered, and were sent to Prescott under command of Major Cattley, as Captain, with Lieutenant Watson and Ensign Jamieson as Subalterns. They were relieved in November, and another Company was then sent to Windsor under Command of Captain Irving, with Ensign Grant and Ensign Hebden as Subalterns. Ensign Grant was appointed Adjutant of the 1st. or Eastern Battalion. In the earlier portion of the year Lt. Col. Booker commanded the Niagara Battalion, and took with him, as Adjutant, Captain Irving.

On the 8th. March, 1866, owing to rumours of a Fenian invasion the 13th., in common with the great bulk of the Volunteers of the Provinces, was called out for Active Service, and continued so at home performing daily drills, mounting guards, and ready at any moment to be sent to the front. On the 28th. March the daily parades were dispensed with by General Order; but the Battalion was still required to perform 2 days drill per week, and remain in a condition of readiness to leave at any time. So enthusiastic were the people of Hamilton on this occasion to defend their hearths, homes and altars from invasion, should the necessity arise, that the ranks of the 13th. were filled, and numbers of young men anxious to join had to be refused admission, and there would have been no difficulty in forming another Battalion had it been required.

During this period of Active Service the following Guards were mounted, viz:—1 Sergeant and 12 men at the Artillery Gun Sheds; 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal and 24 men at the Drill Shed; 1 Sergeant and 12 men

at the Magazine; and a Guard under charge of an Officer at the Mountain View Hotel.

A field day with blank ammunition was held on 28th. March, and on the same day several of the Guards were relieved and the others weakened. On the 7th. April a public meeting of the citizens was held in the Council Chamber, when the following resolution was passed, and a copy transmitted by the Secretary, Wm. Irvine, Esq., to the Commandant, Lt. Col. Booker, viz:—

Moved by the Hon. H. B. Bull, seconded by A. E. Irving, Esq., and

**RESOLVED**—“That the thanks of the citizens are especially due and are hereby cordially tendered to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Volunteer Force of this City for the alacrity with which they so unanimously and enthusiastically responded to the call to turn out for the defence of the Province at a time of threatened danger; and that they further desire to express their admiration of the efficiency, soldierly appearance and good conduct of the men of every branch of the service, which they consider as being highly creditable to the City and to the Volunteer Force of the Province. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Lieut. Col. Booker, with a request that he will communicate it to his command.”

On the 8th. May the Battalion was inspected by Major General Napier, C. B. commanding the 1st. Mil. District, C. W., who caused the following letter to be forwarded to the Commandant:—

TORONTO, 8TH. MAY, 1866.

SIR:—

I am directed by Major General Napier, C. B., commanding 1st. Military District, C. W., to express to

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you the gratification he felt at the very creditable and soldierlike appearance made by the Volunteer Militia Force under your command, when inspected by the Major General this day. Their steadiness under arms and the manner in which they moved on parade merits this expression of the Major General's approbation, and which you will be good enough to convey to the Force under your command.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. L. DURIE,

Ass't. Adj't. Gen.

Lt. Col. BOOKER,

Commandant, Hamilton.

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On the 1st. June, 1866, at 7 o'clock in the morning, the Battalion left Hamilton with sixty rounds of ball cartridge per man for *actual Active Service*. They went by train to Port Colborne, where the night was spent, and the next day (Saturday) left early in the morning for Ridgeway, at which place they were engaged in a skirmish with the Fenians. The following is a list of the Officers of the 13th. present on that occasion:—Lt. Col. Booker, Majors Skinner and Crttley, Capts. Watson, Askin and Grant, Lieuts. Sewell, Ritchie, Routh, Ferguson and Gibson, Ensigns McKenzie, Baker, Armstrong, Roy and Young, and Adjutant Henry. The Colors were carried by Ensigns Armstrong and Baker.

The names of the 13th. wounded were:—

\*Lieut. Percy Gore Routh, No. 4 Company.

\*Private Edwin Hilder, No. 1 Company.

Private S. Dallas,

" J. G. Powell,

" James Stewart.

\* " Richard Pentecost,

Private George McKenzie, No. 4 Company.

Private John Donnelly, No. 5 Company.

No. 3 Company.

Shortly after the return of the Battalion from Port Colborne, Private Morrison of No. 3 Company died from the effects of fatigue and exposure during the campaign. He was buried on the 1st. July, at Wellington Square, with Military honors, the whole Battalion turning out. A monument was erected over his grave by the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of his Company. Private Daniel Laker of No. 6 Company shortly after died from the same causes. It should here be remarked, however, that both these Volunteers had been in poor health for some time previous. Private James Cahill of No. 1 died during the Winter from the effects of a cold caught while on Frontier Service at this time; and also Private Larratt W. Smith of No. 6, who died in Toronto, both of whom were buried with Military honors.

So much has been said and written on the subject of Ridgeway, that it is not thought advisable to embody any detailed narrative of the day here, but merely give the following extracts from official sources on the conduct of the 13th. on that occasion, which may have escaped the attention, or never come under the notice, of the reader.

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\*In receipt of a Pension for wounds received at Ridgeway.

Colonel (now Major General) MacDougall, Adjutant General of Canada, in 1866, in an address to the Queen's Own and 13th. Battalions at Thorold, on Saturday, 25th. August, 1866, said :—

" Up to the moment when the unfortunate alarm of Cavalry was given, I say, and I declare, I speak it without exaggeration, that no troops of any army or nation could have behaved better than did the two Battalions of inexperienced Volunteers, who, at Limeridge, attacked an enemy posted in a strong position of his own choosing, without the support of a single regular officer or soldier."

In a despatch to the Commandant of the Hamilton District, in October, 1866, His Excellency, Sir John Michel, K. C. B., Lieut. General commanding the Forces in British North America, etc., commands the Commandant to convey to Lieut. Col. Skinner, the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 13th. Battalion, the expression of the approval of His Excellency of their gallantry and soldierlike behaviour on the Field, on the 2nd. June last, on the affair at Ridgeway. He believes their conduct on that occasion was that of gallant Volunteers and good soldiers."

" The Lieut. General does not agree with those who may have attempted to detract from the good name of the Hamilton Force engaged on that occasion, but is aware of and appreciates their conduct. It would have afforded the Lieut. General great pleasure to have seen the 13th., and to have spoken to them personally."

After the affair at Ridgeway the Battalion returned to Port Colborne, where it was quartered for some three weeks, and initiated into all the hardship and reality of

a soldier's life. Lt. Col. Villiers of H. M. 47th was in command of the Brigade stationed there, consisting of a portion of that Regiment, the 13th Battalion, a troop of Volunteer Cavalry, a Battery of Volunteer Artillery, and three Companies of Infantry. Major Cattley of the 13th acted as Brigade Major. The routine of duty was heavy, as the troops were kept in waiting as in front of an enemy; Rouse sounded at 3 A. M., and the men were kept under arms till daybreak, when they were allowed to turn in till 7.

Notwithstanding the severe drill, many guards, and very limited time allowed for rest and recreation, the men were in excellent spirits and behaved themselves in a most exemplary manner. Time was found for at least some amusement between the intervals of parade, and even picquet duty was not devoid of incidents which were the occasion of many a hearty laugh both then and afterwards. The Battalion returned to Hamilton, and the men dispersed to their several avocations of civil life about the 20th. June, after receiving an ovation from their fellow-citizens.

On Saturday, the 25th. August, the Battalion proceeded to Camp at Thorold, where they were Brigaded with 2 Batteries of Regular Artillery, 3 Companies of H. M. 16th Regiment, the 2nd. "Queen's Own" Batt. of Toronto, and the 22nd. "Oxford Rifles." The Camp was under the command of Colonel (now Major General Sir Garnet) Woolsey, a gallant and accomplished Officer, who did much to improve the Volunteers under his command, and has since signally distinguished himself as a British soldier.

#### PRESENTATION TO LIEUT. ROUTH.

On the 17th. Sept., 1866, a most interesting ceremony took place at the Drill Shed, Lieut. Routh having suffi-

ciently recovered from the wound received at Ridgeway to attend parade, he was made the recipient of a testimonial from the members of the Board of Trade of Hamilton. The Battalion paraded in full strength, and there was an immense gathering of people to witness the ceremony. The testimonial consisted of a Sword with a Company and Field Officer's Scabbard, and was presented by Mr. D. McInnes, with the following address:—

To LIEUT. PERCY GORE ROUTH, 13TH. BATTALION CANADA  
VOLUNTEERS:—

Your fellow-townsmen, who were in England when intelligence of the invasion of Canada by the Fenians reached there, were moved with feelings of pride and satisfaction at the noble and prompt response made by the Volunteers to the call of duty in defence of their country, and were so deeply impressed with your gallantry and devotion to one of the highest of duties, that they have marked their appreciation of your conduct by a testimonial.

As President of the Board of Trade, I feel proud of having been chosen to present this Sword to you in the presence of the Battalion to which you belong, every member of which will, I am sure, feel gratified at this mark of approval so nobly earned by one of their comrades.

The past is a guarantee that you will ever be ready to draw this sword in defence of your home and the honor of your country.

The sword was then fastened to Lieut. Routh's belt, who replied to the address as follows:—

To DONALD MCINNES, ESQUIRE, PRESIDENT OF THE  
HAMILTON BOARD OF TRADE:—

SIR,—I cannot too gratefully thank those gentlemen who through you have presented me with this handsome testimonial.

You have been pleased to refer in complimentary terms to my conduct in the action at Ridgeway; I feel that on that occasion I did no more than my comrades in arms; we all exerted ourselves to do our duty, and I regard this gift not alone as complimentary to myself, but as expressing the appreciation of the donors of the services of the Battalion to which I have the honor to belong.

It is indeed with feelings of no ordinary pride that I receive this sword, regarding it as I do, as another evidence of the great interest felt in our Volunteer system, and a proof that our countrymen are ever ready to acknowledge even the least services rendered in defence of their country.

Should it please God to restore my health, and my services ever again be required, I pledge you, Sir, that I consider it a sacred privilege to unsheathe this blade for my Queen and Country.

I hope for my country's sake that I may never win the promotion which would entitle me to this Field Officer's Scabbard, by casualties to my superiors, but should I ever be entitled to it I shall indeed feel proud to wear it at my side. (Cheers.)

At the conclusion of Lieut. Routh's speech, Lieut. Col. Skinner said he felt confident that he was expressing the sentiments of the whole Battalion in saying that a better or a braver representative could not be singled out on which the honor could be conferred than on Lieut. Routh. (Cheers.)

## 1867. 1868. 1869.

After the return of the Battalion from Thorold, notwithstanding occasional Fenian alarms, it was not required for active service again, and in 1867 performed the usual drills in addition to afternoon parades, during the earlier part of the Summer, to accustom the men to the use of the Spencer Rifle, which was served out to them in 1866, but which was replaced by the Snider Enfield in December, 1867. In 1868 the Drill was also performed in the Drill Shed, as in former years, with the exception of a march out and day's drill, one day at Dundas (on which occasion a photograph of the Battalion was first taken) and one day at Waterdown, in order to enable these outlying Companies, which had been attached in 1867, to participate in Battalion Drill.

In the Militia Report for 1868, (page 25) the 13th. is mentioned as a " very good Regiment, conduct good "

In 1868, on the 14th. of August, the Annual Pic-nic and Games of the Battalion were held at Dunelg, the beautiful residence of Col. Skinner in the County of Oxford. A special train containing the Battalion and several hundreds of invited guests arrived there about 10 A. M., and partook of the hospitality of the Commanding Officer; and after a very pleasant day returned, arriving in Hamilton about 8 P. M.

The Annual Drill was also performed at Head Quarters in 1869, and the Battalion was inspected on the 21st. Sept. by the Adjutant General, Colonel Robertson Ross, who makes the following mention of it in the Annual Militia Report :—(page 15.)

" I afterwards inspected the 13th. Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Skinner, numbering 24

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officers and 388 men. The inspection in the Drill Shed at Hamilton in the evening was attended by a large number of spectators. Lieutenant-Colonel Skinner is one of the most zealous Officers in the Active Militia; he has devoted much time and money for the good of the service, and has succeeded in bringing his Battalion to a very high state of efficiency."

"The appearance of this Battalion on parade bore a striking resemblance to a regiment of the regular army, their arms, accoutrements and clothing being in an excellent and most praiseworthy condition. They went through the manual and platoon exercise, under the command of Major H. E. Irving, perfectly, and afterwards were exercised in Battalion Drill by Lieutenant-Colonel Skinner, in a most satisfactory manner. This is a City Battalion, and the greatest unanimity and harmony appears to exist throughout."

The following is the address made by Col. Robertson Ross on that occasion:— *Copied from Evening Times.*

COL. SKINNER, OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE THIRTEENTH:—

"It affords me pleasure to have this opportunity of making this inspection of you, and it is a matter of satisfaction to find you all so well equipped. You hold in your hands the best arms in the world, or that was ever in possession of any soldier. He further remarked that he was glad to find them so well kept and in so good a condition, for he considered a soldier's arms should be like his honor, spotless and unblemished. They were also well clothed, and he could safely say, well commanded. They had went through their drill very creditably indeed, and

they were deserving of the highest praise. He did not wish to make a speech in their praise—soldiers were not speech makers—but he would say that when he came among them and saw their movements he certainly thought he had again got back among his old comrades in the regular service to the regiment he had commanded so long. He had been a soldier for two and twenty years, and he was pleased with the 13th. Battalion. They would know that the arms in the hands of the army to-day made that army different from what it was in the days of our fathers. It only required energy and courage now to conquer any foe. He knew they belonged to the British race that had built up an empire on which the sun never set, and he knew they would not be found wanting in the day of trial. Col. Ross went on to say that he had inspected many Battalions of late, among whom were the Woodstock and Goderich Battalions, most of whom were six-footers, and he found that they, as well as the gallant body of men he was addressing, possessed the right material essential for soldiers. Rome conquered by discipline; the glorious victories won by Britain were achieved by discipline, and the defence of our land depended on discipline. He did not believe to any great extent in the drill-books of our day; there were too much of gingerbread trash about them. He did not wish to flatter them, but they were a credit to the Volunteer force. Col. Ross, at the close of his address, called three cheers for the Queen, which were given right heartily.

On the 29th. Sept., 1869, the Battalion had the honor of turning out to receive His Excellency the Governor General and His Royal Highness Prince Arthur, and of forming Guards of Honor on their respective residences

during their stay in Hamilton. His Excellency on leaving was pleased to express his satisfaction with the manner in which the Battalion had turned out, and with the efficiency of the several Guards.

### RED RIVER VOLUNTEERS.

In April 1870, a general order was issued, calling for Volunteers for Service at Red River, and the quota asked from the 13th Battalion was 8 men, but so large a number volunteered, that it was a matter of some difficulty for the Commanding Officer to make the selection; other Battalions in the District being short he was able to increase the number to 13, and the following were selected:—

Sergeant Jas. McArthur.	
" Jno. A. Murray.	
" John Emslie.	
Corporal John Faulkner.	
" Nathaniel P. Bell.	
Private W. S. Nixon.	
" S. Kilvington.	
" Humphrey Filheahault.	
" James Ayr.	
" Rodney Wetenhall.	
" Wm. Motcalte.	
" Chas. Gilkison.	
" W. B. Balmer.	

Previous to their departure the Volunteers were entertained at a Supper by their comrades of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies, and the whole Battalion marched to the Station to see them off; thousands of citizens went also to wish them God speed.

## CAMP GRIMSBY.

The Annual Drill for 1870 was performed in a Regimental Camp at Grimsby, commencing 23rd. July, of which the D. A. G. of the District says in his report for the year.

"The first attempt of a City Battalion (in any district) to drill under canvas was made by the 13th. Battalion, Hamilton, which marched from Hamilton to Grimsby, 20 miles, the latter part of July last, moving into Camp same day, remaining under canvas 10 days, marched back on the 12th. day without any casualties reported, thus performing their annual drill, and reflecting much credit upon the Commanding Officer, Officers and Men of the regiment.

"Very fine, even sized body of young men, very steady under arms, move very soldier-like and well."

*Militia Report for 1870, pages 93 and 163.* and the Adjutant General further adds *ibid* page 23:—

"The first instance, I believe, of a City Battalion, moreover, performing its Annual Drill in Camp was very successfully carried out by the 13th. Battalion from Hamilton, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Skinner. This corps marched from Hamilton to Grimsby, a distance of 20 miles, in the latter part of the month of July, moving into Camp the same day, remaining under canvas for ten days, and marching back to Hamilton on the twelfth day, without any casualties reported, in a manner which reflected great credit on the commanding Officer and those under his command."

On this occasion the citizens of Hamilton, through the City Council, showed their appreciation of the Regiment

by giving a grant, which enabled the Commanding Officer to subsist the men and give them their full pay without deduction for rations.

### CAMPS AT NIAGARA.

On the 6th. June, 1871, a Brigade Camp was formed at Niagara, consisting of 7 troops of Cavalry, 3 Batteries of Field Artillery, and 11 Battalions of Infantry, mustering a strength of all ranks of 4,795 men and 511 horses. The 13th. was commanded by Major Irving (Lt.-Col. Skinner being at Wimbledon) and turned out 23 Officers and 389 Men. The Adjutant General in his report for the year says of the 13th. "a very soldier-like body of young men, in good order; mustered strong."—and of Lieut. Mason, the Supply Officer—"Lieut. Mason of the 13th. Battalion acted as Supply Officer, and no man could have performed his important duties with greater zeal and ability; from daylight till dark this Officer was at his work, receiving and distributing the ration supplies."

On the 12th June, 1872, a Divisional Camp consisting of the 2nd Regiment of Cavalry, 3 Field Batteries of Artillery, and 15 Battalions of Infantry (divided into three Brigades) was formed for 16 days. The total number present at this Camp was 435 officers and 5438 men. Lt. Col. Skinner commanded the 2nd. Brigade, his Staff being:—Capt. Moore, 13th. Batt., Brigade Major, Dr. Ryall, 13th. Batt., Surgeon Major, Ens. St. John, 19th. Battalion, Musketry Instructor, and Cornet Denison, G. G. B. G., Orderly officer; Lieut. Mason acted as Supply Officer to the Division. Major Irving commanded the 13th. Battalion.

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During the continuance of this Camp private John A. Macaulay of No. 2 Company, 13th, was accidentally drowned while bathing in a dangerous part of the Niagara River.

In 1873 the annual drill was performed at local headquarters, and the Battalion was inspected by the D. A. G. on the 10th June, 1874.

On 23rd June, 1874, the Battalion was again Brigaded at a Camp at Niagara, which lasted for 12 days, under command of Lt. Col. Skinner, M. P.; his staff consisted of Capt. Moore, 13th. Batt., Brigade Major, Capt. Boice, 13th Batt., Supply Officer, Ens. St. John, 19th. Batt., Musketry Instructor, Ens. Jones, "Dufferin Rifles," Orderly Officer, Qr. Mr. Sutor, 77th Batt., Camp Quarter Master, and Lt. Newton, 20th Batt., Provost Marshall.

The corps present at this Camp were 2nd Regiment Cavalry, Hamilton Field Battery, Welland Field Battery, 13th, 19th, 20th, 38th, 41th and 77th Battalions of Infantry. The 13th was again commanded by Major and Lieut.-Col. Irving.

#### DRILL SHED.

The building of the Drill Shed was commenced in the latter end of March, 1863, and was erected at a cost of some \$4000, which was raised by subscription among the citizens to which the officers for the time being subscribed largely. No aid was received from the Government either in providing ground or for the cost of building. It was designed by A. H. Askin, Esq., C. E., one of the officers, under whose supervision, assisted by Wm. Boultbee, Esq., as Architect, it was built. The contractors were Messrs. Yates & Garson, and the shed was ready for

occupation early in June; indeed as nearly as can be found out the first Battalion parade was held in it on the evening of Thursday the fourth of that month.

The days of the old shed are now nearly numbered, and it will shortly have to be removed, greatly to the regret not only of the members of the Battalion, but also of the general public. Besides having been used for purposes of Parade and Military School, there are few, if any of the Charitable or Religious Organizations of the town, which have not availed themselves of the liberality of the officers in granting its use for the purpose of holding Bazaars Concerts, &c. The Hamilton Horticultural Society has for years held its exhibitions there, and several times has it been used for the holding of mass meetings of the citizens when no other large building was available.

### BAND.

On the 6th Oct., 1866, the "Patriotic Fund Committee" having presented to the Commanding Officer the sum of \$1000, a Committee consisting of Lt. Col. Skinner, Capt. Watson, Capt. Askin, and Lieut. Ritchie was appointed to take the necessary steps towards organizing a Band, such being the disposition which the "Patriotic Fund Committee" desired to be made of the money. A Band was immediately organized and in good working order in a few weeks, and since that time the Battalion has always had an efficient Band. The first Bandmaster was Mr. P. Grossman, which position he held till 1869, when he was succeeded by Mr. Robinson for one year, when Mr. Blanchard was appointed, who died on the 17th January, 1871, at which time the present Bandmaster, Mr. Geo. Robinson, (late of the Band of H. M., P. C. O.

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Regiment,) was again appointed. In Oct. of 1873, the instruments becoming worn out it was decided to replace them, and steps were taken for the purchase of a new set of Besson's manufacture, valued at \$1800. The money for the purchase of these instruments was raised by subscription among the officers and men of the Battalion : the Band, Nos. 1, 2 and 6 Companies contributed most liberally, and in March, 1874, they were placed in the hands of the Bandsmen.



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- "SEMPER PARATUS."

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[On the presentation of Colors to the 13th. Battalion  
of Canadian Volunteers ]

WRITTEN BY REQUEST.

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Whence come those armed men ?

With the soldier's measured tread,  
Is the trump of war in our city's midst,  
Hath the Dove of sweet Peace fled ?  
Not yet, behold, passer by, what wreathes,  
O'er each true and loyal head,  
Ah ! read, strangers read, for through coming years  
Will re-echo the watchword of Volunteers,  
"Semper paratus."

They hail from the place of toil,

They gather from hearth and home,  
From the busy mart, from the lawyer's desk,  
From garden bowers they roam ;  
From the whizzing wheels, from the iron's clang,  
Fréemen they come, they come.  
Bone, muscle and sinew, true heart, strong hand,  
A small, but a fearless, unshrinking band,  
" Semper paratus."

Unsullied honor and fame

Are writ in their glorious roll,  
And such words as suffering and toil and woe,  
Have entered each peerless soul,  
But *treason, dishonor, desertion, shame,*  
Have no place in their martial scroll,

Watchfully, steadily, calmly they wait,  
 The Warders with eyes on each iron gate,  
 "Semper paratus."

War—omen of fearful sound,  
 Have ye all considered it well ?  
 Have ye thought of the long lone midnight watch,  
 Have ye thought of the dread farewell ?  
 Have you dreamed of your comrades' arms reversed,  
 And the drum's low muffled knell,  
 Of these colors dropped o'er an early grave,  
 What is your answer, ye fearless brave ?  
 " Semper paratus."

Your country, your Queen, your God,  
 Have asked this at your hands,  
 Look, the meteor flag of old Albion waves  
 O'er your lion hearted bands ;  
 Some tell us, that soon shall that emblem lie  
 To rot on Ontario' sands.  
 Will you give your blood ere the foe shall drag  
 From Canadian skies that unsullied flag ?  
 " Semper paratus."

Remember the days of old,  
 When Midian's proud standard reeled,  
 As a hundred and twenty thousand arms  
 Lay dead on the battle field,  
 Where only three hundred undaunted camped  
 Under Gideon's mighty shield ;  
 Will the men of the 13th. Battalion fight  
 With such fearful odds in the cause of right ?  
 " Semper paratus."

To your country, Queen and God,  
 We give up our loved, our brave,  
 Long be the day ere those flags unfurl  
 On the battle-field to wave;  
 Longer ere yet dishonored they lie,  
 To share in a traitor's grave;  
 May you stand unscathed, our shield, defence,  
 The stalwart props of the Maple fence,  
 "Semper paratus."

One prayer, when each Volunteer,  
 With his martial duty done,  
 Is nearing his lonely and silent grave,  
 Though dark foes come pressing on;  
 Oh, by the Cross which above you waves,  
 And through Him who hung thereon,  
 May you each be ranked with His "chosen men,"  
 Truthfully, joyfully answering then,  
 "Semper paratus."

HARRIET ANNIE.

Hamilton, Sept. 1863.

### THE HEARTS ARE HERE!

[Inscribed to the 13th. Battalion.]

Where are the hearts—the hands that broke  
 From love's caresses, nerved in might,  
 And struck when Britain's cannon spoke  
 Her rage on Queenston's blood-stained height?  
 Low in the earth the soldiers rest,  
 But from the sod the spirit starts,  
 Which to the skies from every breast  
 Gives answer back—here are the hearts!

Where are the hearts to weave the spell  
 Of glory 'round us once again?  
 Where are the hearts to lift and swell  
 The cry of battle o'er the plain?  
 To send the shout throughout the lands,  
 In loyal ardor wreathed in fire—  
 Where are the hearts? where are the hands?  
 Say, gallant sons! say, gray-beard sire!

Flaunting upon our border near,  
 Dost see that venom'd rag of green,  
 That now pollutes the atmosphere  
 With taint of murder and rapine.  
 Where are the fearless hearts and true  
 That battled in the olden day,  
 To dash upon the miscreant crew  
 And scorch the taunting lie away?

From fierce Niagara's roaring tide  
 A peal rolls up—the valley wakes,  
 And 'long the rugged mountain side  
 The earth with thundering tumult quakes;  
 They come in flashing steel arrayed,  
 A living line—they mock at fear—  
 Where SKINNER draws his gallant blade,  
 The hearts are here! the hearts are here!

SEMPER PARATUS! flashes out  
 As in the air their banners wave,  
 Borne onward with defiant shout—  
 The brave and children of the brave.  
 Again where Queenston's horrid frown  
 Rests on the gulf where foemen fell,

They hurl the base invader down  
 Into the seething tide of hell.

As well the dastard bend his arts  
 To brave Niagara's awful powers,  
 As dare defy the valiant hearts  
 That guard this Canada of ours.  
 Up! up again! heroic bands,  
 When sounds the summons to the fray—  
 Aye, ready! here, here are the hands!  
 The Thirteenth on! hurrah! hurrah!

Hamilton, July 31, 1868.

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**Respectfully Dedicated to the Officers and Men  
 of the 13th Battalion.**

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BY A. H. WINGFIELD.

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MOTTO—*Semper paratus*—Always Ready.

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AIR,—“MARCH OF THE CAMERON MEN.”

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The Thirteenth is ready when e'er duty calls,  
 To fight like their fathers of yore;  
 Though danger may threaten it cannot appal  
 The brave and the loyal of Gore.

I hear their bugles sounding, sounding,  
 Loud by Ontario's shore,  
 And the tramp of their footsteps is heard thro' the vale,  
 'Tis the march of the heroes of Gore.

The heart of a patriot beats in each breast,  
 As proudly they march to the field ;  
 They have sworn to fight for their country and Queen,  
 They may die, but they never will yield !  
 I hear their bugles sounding, sounding, &c.

To the front was the war cry that pealed thro' the land,  
 When the Fenians invaded our shore ;  
 And *Semper Paratus* was answered by all  
 Of the brave and the loyal of Gore.  
 I hear their bugles sounding, sounding, &c.

Hamilton, June 11, 1866.

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#### **Written for the 13th Battalion in 1864 or 1865.**

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*And Sung at a Battalion Concert in Mechanics' Hall  
 accompanied by Band of 16th Regiment.*

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In days of yore the men of Gore showed pluck and valor bold,  
 As Stoney Creek and Lundy's Lane the story well have told ;  
 The land they left us then we'll guard, and show that lapse of years  
 Can find the muscle to fight as hard in the Thirteenth Volunteers.

#### **CHORUS.**

Then hurrah, hurrah ! for the scarlet coat, hurrah for the rifle true,  
 Hurrah for the colors we'll never desert, the red, the white and the blue.

Should we be called, as they were then, by war to take  
the field,  
Oh ! may we not disgrace those men who knew not how to  
yield ;  
But may we win ourselves a name the foe shall ever fear,  
And Canada shall proudly claim each Thirteenth Volun-  
teer.

Then hurrah, &c.

When duty calls and danger lowers, then let us boldly stand,  
And prove that every man of ours dare die for his native  
land ;  
Let all who dread to meet that day, and all with coward  
fears,  
Fall out of the ranks, as well they may, of the Thirteenth  
Volunteers.

Then hurrah, &c.

We tempt no foe, but none we dread, we stand but on our  
right,  
To guard our homes, our loved ones dear, our maids with  
eyes so brig'at ;  
Then in his heart let each one bear, one image fond and  
dear,  
For whom all danger quick will dare each Thirteenth  
Volunteer.

Then hurrah, &c.

*J. B. Y.*

### THE 13th BATTALION PIC-NIC.

Dunelg, 14th August, 1867.

When Scotia's knight, that sturdy wight,  
Is belted for the foray,

With heart so light a noble sight,  
To see him in his glory.

With Highland zest, he greets a guest—  
With him it is a duty—  
With lordly taste sets forth a feast,  
Alike to brave and beauty.

His Scottish blood runs like a flood  
That's sweeping through the heather;  
In town or wood he's understood,  
And draws his forces hither.

From mountain hold, both young and old—  
The highest with the humble—  
In colors bold, their flag unfold,  
When called by his “assemble.”

From Scottish glen, from English fen,  
From Erin, oh! forever;  
There comes a clan of stalwart men,  
No Fenian force can sever.

The ladies here, with Cupid's spear,  
By far the most are dreaded;  
They are so dear, there's cause to fear,  
When by a matron headed.

Some Union Jack, that's on the track  
Of happiness long vanished—  
Ere he gets back, will lose the sack,  
And get the bargain finished.

Here game and race, each in its place,  
By many complimented;

The youth with grace, each other chase,  
And all are well contented.

Here old and young, in sections strung,  
Are tripping o'er the commons,  
Till laughter rung, from tender lung,  
In man and noble woman.

Red, White and Blue, o'er Bosoms true,  
In peaceful frolic flaunting,  
And lovers new, and not a few,  
With others proudly jaunting.

And may that smile, from Britain's Isle,  
Forever be upon us—  
With rank and file, in glorious style,  
And Skinner for to man us.

May happy Pic, with sister Nic,  
Be less to us a stranger,  
With youthful trick, to romp and kick,  
And be our only danger.

### THE MODEL BOYS.

Grimsby Camp, 13th Regiment, No. 3 Tent, No. 6 Co.

AIR—"JOLLY Dogs."

In Grimsby camp there is a tent,  
And outside stands a motto,  
Which signifies the model boys  
Live inside that e'er grotto.  
And they always are so jolly, oh!

When the officers come strolling  
 Along the alleyway,  
 They gaze up at the motto  
 And to each other say :  
 The model boys are jolly, oh !

Now Harris, with his wicked leer,  
 He came down here for game ;  
 He harrassed us all he could do.  
 And got sent home again.  
 But the model boys kept jolly, oh !

Melville was an artful dog—  
 He joined for pioneer :  
 When other men went drilling,  
 He smoked and drank his beer.

McKenzie, with his slender build,  
 He came down for a spree ;  
 But when the spuds run short,  
 He said he'd rather at home be.  
 Now Laing one day went shooting,  
 But made a great mistake ;  
 For every shot he fired  
 Went straight into the lake.

Now Holder, a domestic man,  
 He well could make his bed ;  
 But others better would have slept  
 If he hadn't porpoise-oil'd his head.

McCracken, a fine sailor boy,  
 He made our hearts rejoice,  
 By singing of the sweetest songs  
 With his fine tenor voice.

**McKay, he was an artist,**  
 And our motto he did paint—  
**And the death's head and cross-bones**  
 Turned out our guardian saint.

**Now Craig, he was a soldier,**  
 And did his duty keep ;  
**In the morning he was pipe-clayeing**  
 While we were fast asleep.

**And now my song is ended,**  
 I think I'll just quit here,  
**As the orderly has invited me**  
 To have a glass of beer.  
 And that will make me jolly, oh !

ONE OF THE MODEL BOYS.

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**NEW VERSES FOR AN OLD CHORUS.**

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Composed on the tramp when a private, in 1864 or 1865.

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*Written for No. 1 Company.*

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The word is "Forward March," boys, so let each heart  
 be light,  
 Old One is ever ready, let the call be day or night ;  
 And as we have no music, but our own good voices strong,  
 We'll cheer our tramp to-night, boys, with many a jolly  
 song.

**CHORUS.—Ring, ring the banjo, &c.**

Our Captain's at our head, boys, his duty he wont shirk,  
 To-night he leads for pleasure, some day he may for work ;  
 And should that day arrive, boys, he'd find old Number  
 One

As ready for the fight, boys, as now they are for fun.

Ring, ring, etc.

We lead a good Battalion, who'll stick to us like bricks,  
 Our comrades all are trusty, from Two to Number Six ;  
 We know they've got the pluck, boys, yes, every mother's  
 son,

But we must lead the van, boys, in our old number One.

Ring, ring, etc.

*J. B. Y.*



## RIFLE SHOOTING.

The first Rifle Matches of the Battalion were held on the grounds of the Victoria Rifle Club on the 27th Nov. 1867, at which prizes in Cash of \$54 were given, besides prizes in kind of which the value cannot now be exactly stated. Previous to this time several of the Companies had, from time to time, Company Matches, but this was the first meeting of the Battalion. In addition to the prizes above mentioned, two Cups were offered for competition, the Officers' and the Lawyers' Cups, which are mentioned below. Since 1867 Matches have been held annually, and at the Matches in Oct. '74, prizes to three times the amount of 1867 in Cash, besides very valuable prizes in kind, and five Cups were offered.

The following is a list of the Cups held by the Battalion, and competed for by the several Companies with the winning Companies in various years:—

### OFFICERS' CUP.

Year	Ranges.	No. of Competitors.	No. of Shots at each range	No. of Points	Winning Co
1867	300, 400 and 500	12	5	324	No. 1
1868	do      do	do	do	344	No. 1
1869	do      do	do	do	372	No. 1

Won permanently by No. 1 in 1869.

### OFFICERS' CUP No. 2.

Year.	Ranges.	No. of Competitors.	No. of Shots at each range	No. of Points	Winning Co
1871	200 and 500	12	5	293	No. 8
1872	do      do	12	5	329	No. 1
1873	do      do	12	5	350	No. 2
1874	do      do	12	5	328	No. 2

IRISH PROTESTANT BENEVOLENT SOCIETY  
CUP.

Year.	Ranges.	No. of Competitors.	No. of Shots at each range			Winning Co
			5	5	5	
1870	300 and 500	5		5	142	No. 2
1871	do do	5		5	138	No. 1
1872	do do	5		5	148	No. 1

Won permanently by No. 1 in 1872.

LAWYERS' CUP.

Year.	Ranges.	No. of Competitors.	No. of Shots at each range			Winning Co
			5	5	5	
1867	200 and 400	8		5	192	No. 1
1868	200, 400 and 600	8		5	277	No. 1
1869	do do	8		5	314	No. 8
1870	do do	8		5	283	No. 2
1871	do do	3		5	307	No. 2
1872	do do	8		5	312	No. 2

Won permanently by No. 2 in 1872.

LAWYERS' CUP No. 2.

Year.	Ranges	No. of Competitors	No. of Shots at each range			Winning Co
			5	5	5	
1873	200, 400 and 600	10		5	393	No. 2
1874	200, 400 and 600	8		5	339	No. 2

THE DISTRICT CHALLENGE CUP

is open for competition to any Volunteer Company in the 3rd. Brigade Division, 2nd. Mil. Dis.—ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards, three shots at each, three marksmen from each Company—and has been won by the Companies of the 13th., as below:—

YEAR.	NO. OF POINTS.	WINNING CO.
1864 .....	45.....	No. 4 Co.
1869 .....	78.....	" 1 "
1870 .....	77.....	" 8 "
1871 .....	86.....	" 1 "
1872.....	85 .....	" 2 "
1873 .....	82.....	" 2 "
1874.....	79.....	" 2 "

### PEIRCE CUP.

Years	Ranges.	No. of Competitors.	No. of Shots at each range	No. of Points	Winning Co
1874	300 and 500	5	5	145	No. 1

### PRIZES WON AT O. R. A. MEETINGS.

In 1870 the Battalion first sent a Team to the Meeting of the Ontario Rifle Association, which took the Second Prize in the Battalion Match.

In 1872 the Battalion Team won First Prize in the Battalion Match at the O. R. A.—the "Merchants' Challenge Trophy."

In 1873 the Battalion Team won the "Ladies' Cup" in the Affiliated Association Match, being First Prize.

In 1874 the Team again won the "Merchants Challenge Trophy," and No. 1 Company took First Prize in the Company Match, winning the "Brassey Cup."

In October, 1874, the Battalion won the Battalion Prize, a beautiful piece of Plate valued at \$50, at the Ingersoll Matches—to become the property of the Battalion winning it the second time.

## NAMES OF 13th. ON WIMBLEDON TEAMS.

1871—Lieut. Colonel Skinner in Command.

Lt. Little .....	No. 6.
Col. Seg't R. Omand .....	" 2
Serg't F. Sache.....	" 2
Private Geo. Murison .....	" 1
"     Joseph Mason.....	" 1

1872—Ensign Adam..... " 5

Col. Serg't R. Omand .....	" 2
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1873—Col. Serg't Omand ....." 2

Private John Mitchell .....	" 2
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1874—Major Gibson..... " 1

Capt. Mason .....	" 1
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Col. Serg't Omand .....	" 2
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Corp. Pain.....	" 2
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Private Thos. Mitchell .....	" 2
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Besides those in the Team, Ensign Adam, No. 5, and Sergeant White of No. 2 went to Wimbledon in 1871, and Sergeant Hancock, No. 2, in 1874.

## OFFICERS 13th. BATTALION, 1st. AUG., 1874.

Lt. COL.....	Jas. A. Skinner, M. P.
MAJORS .....	H. E. Irving, <i>L. C.</i> and A. H. Askin.
SURGEONS.....	I. Ryall, Jr., M. B.
ASS'T SURGEON .....	E Graves Kitson, M. D.
PAYMASTER.....	Robt. Grant, <i>Hon. M.</i>
QUARTERMASTER.....	J. J. Mason, <i>Hon. C.</i>
ADJUTANT.....	Jos. Macready.

Company.	Captain.	Lieutenant.	Ensign.
No 1	J. M. Gibson, <i>M.</i>	R. K. Hope,	.....
No 2	A H. Moore.	P. B. Barnard	D. S. Murphy, <i>Lt.</i>
No 3	C. Armstrong.	G. W. Griffin.	E. C. Kerr.
No 4	J. B. Young.	H. McLaren.	J. Stoneman.
No 5	J. J. L. Boice.	E. H. Caddy	J. Adam.
No 6	A. W. Roy.	.....	R. Crockett.

### ABBREVIATIONS.

C. O.—Commanding Officer.

V. B.—Volunteer Board.

M. S.—Military School.

Pro.—Provisionally appointed.

Con.—Confirmed in rank.

*L. C.*—brevet Lieutenant Colonel.

*M.*—brevet Major.

*Hon. M.*—Honorary rank of Major.

*Hon. C.*—Honorary rank of Captain.

### LIST OF OFFICERS.

- BUCHANAN, Lt. Col., the Hon. Isaac, 1st Commanding Officer, appointed 28th Nov. 1862, retired, retaining rank 30th Dec. 1864. "G. O. 30th Dec. 1864, 13th Battalion. 'Lieut. Col., The Hon. Isaac Buchanan, is hereby permitted to resign the Command of this Corps, and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to permit him to retain his rank in the Militia, as a special case, under the provisions of the General Order No. 1, of the 1st August, 1861, in consideration of the valuable services he has heretofore rendered to the Militia of this Province.'

2. BOOKER, Lieut. Col., Alfred.

Appointed C. O. 27th Jan. 1865,

Appointed Commandant of Garrison 23rd April, 1857.

Retired from Command of 13th 10th August, 1866.

Niagara 1865. Retired, retaining rank as Commandant 14th June, 1867.

Ridgeway '66. Died in Montreal 18—.

Commanded Administrative Battalion at Niagara, 1865.

3. SKINNER, M. P., Lieut. Col., James Atchison.

Joined Volunteer Force in 1855

Appointed Major 26th Dec., 1862.

Appointed Lt. Col. 10th August, 1866.

A Vice-President of the Ontario Rifle Association; a Member of the Council of the Dominion Rifle Association; went in Command of the first Canadian Team to Wimbledon in 1871.

Ridgeway and Port Colborne 1866. Thorold, 1866. President of 13th Batt. Rifle Association. Commanded the 2nd Brigade, consisting of 13th, 19th, 36th, 44th and 77th Battalions at Camp Niagara, 1872.

Grimsby '70. Wimbledon '71. Niagara 1872. Niagara 1874. Commanded the Brigade Camp at Niagara in 1874, consisting of 2nd Regiment of Cavalry, Hamilton and Welland Field Batteries, and 13th, 19th, 20th, 38th, (Dufferin Rifles) 44th and 77th Battalions.

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Member of House of Commons for South  
Oxford, 1874.

4. O'REILLY, Major, James Edwin.  
Appointed Major 26th December, 1862.  
First Class V. B. 27th April, 1864.  
Retired, retaining rank 10th February,  
1865.
5. CATTLEY, Brevet Lieut. Col., Stephen T.  
Appointed Lieutenant 17th July, 1861.  
Prescott, 1865-6. First Class V. B. 27th April, 1864.  
*Ridgeway and* Major 24th Feb., 1865.  
*Port Colborne,* Bt. Lt. Col. 15th March, 1867.  
1866. Left limits 5th July, 1867.
6. IRVING, Brevet Lieut. Col., Henry Erskine.  
Second Class V. B. 26th Feb., 1864.  
Second Class M. S. 6th April, 1865.  
*Windsor and* First Class M. S. 5th May, 1865.  
*Niagara, '5.* Ensign 10th April, 1863.  
*Pt. Colborne,* Lieutenant 12th May, 1864.  
1866. Captain 12th May, 1864.  
*Thorold, '66.* Major 5th July, 1867.  
*Grimsby, '70.* Bt. Lieut. Col. 5th July, 1872.  
*Niagara, '71.* Captain of a Company in Western Admin-  
*Niagara, '72.* istrative Battalion in 1865. Adjutant  
*Niagara, '74.* of Niagara Administrative Battalion,  
1865.
7. ASKIN, Major, Alexander H.  
*Ridgeway* Second Class V. B. 26th Feb., 1864.  
*and* Ensign 5th Dec., 1862.  
*Pt. Colborne,* Lieutenant 5th March, 1863.  
1866. Captain 30th Dec., 1864.

*Thorold, '66.* Major (Pro) 22nd October, 1869.

*Grimsby, '70.*

*Niagara, '71.*

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" " '74.

8. RYALL, M. B., Surgeon, Isaac,

*Ridgeway* Appointed 4th April, 1866.

*and* Surgeon Major 2nd. Brigade at Camp  
*Pt. Colborne,* Niagara, 1872.  
1866.

*Thorold, '66.*

*Grimsby, '70.*

*Niagara, '71.*

" " '72.

" " '74.

9. BROWN, Captain, John.

Appointed 28th Nov., 1862.

Retired, retaining rank 14th Sept., 1866.

10. MACRAE, Lieut., John Octavius.

Appointed 28th Nov., 1862.

Retired 12th May, 1864.

11. BUCHANAN, Lieut., Peter Toronto.

Ensign 28th Nov. 1862.

Lieutenant 29th July, 1864.

Left limits 2nd March, 1866.

12. MINGAYE, Captain, George Herve.

Appointed 5th Dec., 1862.

Left limits 30th Dec., 1864.

13. WARD, Lieut., John A.

Appointed 5th Dec., 1862.

Retired 5th March, 1863.

14. McINNES, Captain, Donald.  
Appointed 5th Dec., 1862.  
Retired 12th May, 1864.
15. GILLESPIE, Captain, George H.  
Lieut. 5th Dec., 1862.  
Captain 18th March, 1863.  
Retired 15th Dec., 1865.
16. BELL, Captain, Thomas.  
Appointed 11th Dec., 1862.  
Retired 28th April, 1865.
17. BIGGAR, Captain, W. F.  
Lieut. 11th Dec., 1862.  
Captain 28th April, 1865.  
Retired 10th November, 1865.
18. JAMIESON, Lieut., A.  
Ensign 11th Dec., 1862.  
*Prescott, 1865-6.* Lieut. 28th April, 1865.  
Retired 1st May, 1866.
19. McKEOWN, Capt., John.  
Appointed 19th Dec. 1862.  
Company removed from list 10th  
July, 1863.
20. O CONNOR, Lieut., Maurice.  
Appointed 19th Dec., 1862.  
Company removed from list 10th  
July, 1863.
21. FITZPATRICK, Ensign, Martin.  
Appointed 19th Dec. 1862.  
Company removed from list 10th  
July, 1863.

22. LAW, Capt., Robert N.  
Appointed 9th Jan. 1863.  
2nd Class V. B. 14th Sept. 1866.  
Retired, retaining rank 14th Sept.  
1866.
23. WINK, Lieut., A. S.  
Appointed 9th Jan., 1863.  
Retired 28th April, 1865.
24. INKSON, Ensign, William.  
Appointed 9th Jan., 1863.  
Retired 29th Dec. 1865.
25. LLOYD, Capt., C. J.  
Capt. and Adjutant 5th March, 1863.  
1st Class M. S. 29th Dec., 1864.  
Retired 2nd December 1864.
26. HENDERSON, Capt., John Stewart.  
Appointed Captain 5th March 1863  
Retired, retaining rank 2nd March,  
1866.
27. TURNER, Lieut. Alexander.  
Appointed 5th March, 1863.  
Retired 10th July, 1863.
28. PARK, Lieut., Robert.  
Ensign 5th March, 1863.  
Lieutenant 28th April, 1865.  
Second Class M. S. 28th April, 1865.  
Left limits 22nd Dec. 1865.
29. FEELEY, Ensign, C.  
Appointed 5th March, 1863.  
Retired 10th April, 1863.

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30. YOUNG, Lieutenant, M.  
Appointed 18th March, 1863.  
Retired—
31. YOUNG, Jr., Lieutenant, John.  
Ensign 18th March, 1863.  
*Pt. Colborne, '66.* Lieutenant 30th Dec., 1864.  
*Thorold, 1866.* Second Class V. B. 27th April, 1864  
Retired 31st Oct., 1867.
32. RITCHIE, Captain, Frederick Ewing.  
Ensign 10th April, 1863.  
*Ridgeway and* Lieutenant, 30th Dec., 1864.  
*Pt. Colborne, '66.* Captain, 26th Oct., 1866.  
*Thorold, 1866.* Second Class V. B. 26th Feb., 1864.  
Retired, retaining rank 3rd Dec., 1869.
33. HILTON, Lieutenant, Edward.  
Appointed 10th April, 1863.  
Retired 12th May, 1864.
34. WATSON, Captain, J. H.  
Lieutenant 15th July, 1864.  
*Prescott, 1863.* Captain 17th May, 1865.  
*Ridgeway and* Second Class V. B. 26th Feb. 1864.  
*Pt Colborne, '66.* First Class V. B. 27th April, 1854.  
*Thorold, 1866.* Died 25th March, 1870.
35. ATKINSON, Lieutenant, F. M.  
Appointed 12th August, 1864.  
Second Class V.B. 19th August, 1864.  
Left limits 30th December, 1864.
36. PAPPS, Lieutenant, George S.  
Second Class M. S. 6th April, 1865.  
First Class M. S. 20th April, 1865.  
Retired 15th July, 1874.

37. ROUTH, Captain, Percy Gore.  
*Ridgeway '66.*  
 Ensign 24th February, 1865.  
 Lieutenant 2nd March, 1866.  
 Captain 14th September, 1866.  
 Second Class V. B. 24th February, 1865.  
 Retired, retaining rank 26th Oct., 1866.  
 Seriously wounded at Ridgeway, 2nd June, 1866 — Pension.
38. GRANT, Hon. M. and Paymaster, Robert.  
*Windsor, '65.* Ensign 28th April, 1865.  
*Ridgeway and Pt. Col., '66.* Lieutenant 22nd December, 1865.  
*Thorold, 1866.* Captain 2nd March, 1866.  
*Grimsby, '70.* Paymaster, 26th Oct., 1866.  
*Niagara, '71.* *Hon. M.* 26th October, 1871.  
 " '72. Second Class M. S. 19th May, 1865.  
 " '74. Adjutant of 2nd or "Western" Administrative Battalion at Windsor, 1865.
39. BILLINGS, Lieutenant, John.  
 Appointed 28th April, 1865.  
 Retired 22nd December, 1865.
40. HEBDEN, Captain, Joshua John.  
*Windsor, '65.* Ensign, 28th April, 1865.  
*Pt. Col., '66.* Lieutenant 26th October, 1866.  
*Thorold, 1866.* Captain 22nd October, 1869.  
*Grimsby, 1870.* Second Class M. S. 20th April, 1865.  
 First Class V. B. 18th May, 1866.  
 Died 1st September, 1872.

On duty at Windsor with Western Administrative Battalion, 1865. Appointed Battalion Drill Instructor 17th March, 1870, and Acting Adjutant 14th July, 1870.

As a mark of their esteem for Captain Hebden as a man, their love for him as a brother officer, and in recognition of his strict adherence to duty, and the welfare of the Battalion, the officers, in 1873, erected a memorial window to his memory in the Church of the Ascension. Interred with Military honors

- 41. SEWELL, Lieutenant, Charles Randolph Montgomery.**

Ensign 28th April, 1865.

*Ridgeway and*

*Port Col., 1866.*

*Thorold, 1866.*

Lieutenant 22nd December, 1865.

Second Class M. S. 10th May, 1865.

Retired, retaining rank 25th March, 1870.

- 42. FERGUSSON, Captain, J. W.**

Lieutenant 28th April, 1865.

*Ridgeway and*

*Port Colborne, '66.*

*Thorold, 1866.*

Captain 14th September, 1866.

Second Class M. S. 28th Sep., 1865.

Retired 28th December, 1866..

- 43. ROY, Captain, Alexander William.**

*Ridgeway and*

*Port Colborne, '66.*

*Thorold, 1866.*

*Grimsby, 1870.*

Ensign 19th May, 1865.

Lieutenant 31st October, 1867.

Captain 5th November, 1869.

Second Class M. S. 5th May, 1865.

*Niagara* 1871.

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44. HENERY, Captain, John,  
Captain and Adjutant 18th Aug.,  
1865,

*Ridgeway and*  
*Pt. Col.*, 1866.  
*Thorold*, 1866.  
Drill Instructor previously,  
Second Class M. S. 6th April, 1865,  
First Class M. S. 20th April, 1865,  
Retired, retaining rank 26th Aug.  
1870,

Adjutant of Administrative Battalion  
at Niagara in 1865.

45. GIBSON, Brevet Major, John Morison,  
*Ridgeway and*  
*Pt. Col.*, '66.  
*Thorold*, '66.  
*Grimsby*, '70.  
*Niagara*, '71.  
" '72.  
*Wimbledon*, '74.  
Ensign 22nd December, 1865,  
Lieutenant 2nd March, 1866,  
Captain 26th October, 1866.  
Brevet Major 26th October, 1871,  
Second Class M. S. 14th July, 1865,  
First Class M. S. 28th Sept., 1865.  
A member of Wimbledon Team, 1874.

46. ARMSTRONG, Captain, Charles,  
*Ridgeway and*  
*Port Colborne*, '66.  
*Grimsby*, 1870.  
*Niagara*, 1871.  
" 1872.  
Ensign 29th December, 1865.  
Lieutenant 14th September 1866.  
Captain 28th December, 1866.  
Second Class M. S. 24th June, 1864.

47. BAKER, Ensign, Hugh C.  
*Ridgeway and*  
*Port Colborne*, '66.  
*Thorold*, 1866.  
Ensign 1st May, 1866.  
Second Class M. S. 28th Sep., 1865.  
Retired 25th March, 1870.

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48. MCKENZIE, Ensign, Joseph M.  
*Ridgeway and* Ensign 22nd June, 1866.  
*Port Colborne, '66.* Left limits 24th July, 1868.  
*Thorold, 1866.* Since deceased.
49. YOUNG, Captain, John B.  
*Ridgeway and* Ensign 22nd June, 1866.  
*Port Colborne, '66* Lieutenant 10th March, 1867.  
*Thorold, 1866.* Captain 3rd December, 1869,  
*Grimsby, 1870.* Second Class V. B. 3rd May, 1867.  
*Niagara, 1871.* Resigned. — — —  
 " 1872.
50. MASON, Honorary Captain, J. J., Quartermaster.  
*Prescott, 1865.*  
*Ridgeway and* Quartermaster 22nd June, 1866,  
*Port Colborne, '66.* Lieutenant 3rd May, 1867,  
*Thorold, 1866.* Hon. Captain 22nd June, 1871,  
*Grimsby, 1870.* Served at Windsor and Prescott, '65,  
*Niagara, 1871.* Supply Officer at Divisional Camp,  
 " 1872. Niagara, 1871 and 1872.  
*Wimbledon, 1874.* Sec'y. 13th Batt. Rifle Association,  
 A member of the Councils of the "Dominion" and "Ontario" Rifle Associations,  
 A member of the "Wimbledon Team," 1874.
51. MOORE, Captain, Alexander Huggins.  
*Port Colborne, '66.* Ensign 14th September, 1866.  
*Thorold, 1866.* Lieutenant 28th December, 1866,  
*Grimsby, 1870.* Captain 20th January, 1870,

- Niagara*, 1871.  
 " 1872.  
 " 1874.
- Brevet Major 20th January, 1875.  
 Second Class M. S. 28th July, 1865.  
 First Class M. S. 28th Sept., 1865,  
 Secretary to Board of Officers 6th  
 October, 1866,  
 Drill Instructor 3rd July, 1873,  
 Assistant Adjutant 5th Feb., 1874,  
 Brigade Major 2nd Brigade at the  
 Divisional Camp of Niagara, 1872,  
 Brigade Major of the Brigade Camp  
 of Niagara, 1874.
52. BOICE, Captain, James John Larkin.  
*Grimsby*, 1870.  
*Niagara*, 1872.  
 " 1874.
- Lieutenant 8th March, 1867,  
 Captain 1st September, 1872,  
 Second Class M. S. 5th May, 1865,  
 Supply Officer at Brigade Camp of  
 Niagara, 1874.
53. STEWART, Lieutenant, Allan Napier MacNab.  
*Ridgeway and Port Colborne*, '66.  
*Thorold*, 1866.  
*Grimsby*, 1870.  
*Niagara*, 1871.
- Ensign 31st January, 1868,  
 Lieutenant 22nd October, 1869,  
 Second Class V. B. 27th March, 1866,  
 Deceased 23rd February, 1872.  
 The first Officer who died while in  
 connection with the Battalion. A  
 monument to his memory was  
 erected by his brother officers in  
 Burlington Cemetery. Interred  
 with Military honors.
54. CORY, Ensign, Charles D.  
*Ridgeway and Port Colborne*, '66.  
*Thorold*, 1866.
- Ensign 31st January, 1868,  
 Left limits 25th March, 1870,

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55. HOPE, Ensign, George.  
Ensign 31st January, 1868.  
Second Class V. B. 27th March,  
1868,  
Retired 17th December, 1869.
56. LITTLE, Lieutenant, John.  
*Ridgeway and Port Colborne, '66.*  
*Thorold, 1866.*  
*Grimsby, 1870.*  
*Wimbledon, 1871.*  
*Niagara, 1872.*  
Ensign 31st January, 1868,  
Lieutenant (*pro.*) 25th March, 1870,  
Lieutenant (*con.*) 23rd May, 1872,  
Second Class V. B. 23rd May, 1872,  
Retired 10th July, 1874,  
A member of the first Team which  
went from Canada to Wimbledon,  
1871.
57. MARSH, Lieutenant, T. Herbert.  
*Grimsby, 1870.*  
*Niagara, 1871.*  
Ensign 24th July, 1868,  
Lieutenant 25th March, 1870.  
Retired 23rd February, 1872.
58. O'REILLY, M. D., Assistant Surgeon, Charles.  
Assistant Surgeon 21st Aug., 1868.  
Retired 13th May, 1870.
59. CADDY, Lieutenant, Edward Francis.  
*Ridgeway and Port Colborne, '66.*  
*Thorold, 1866.*  
*Grimsby, 1870.*  
*Niagara, 1871.*  
" 1872.  
" 1874.  
Ensign 12th November, 1869.  
Lieutenant 22nd March, 1872.  
Second Class M. S. 30th June, 1865.

60. McLAREN, Lieutenant, Henry.  
*Grimsby*, 1870. Ensign (Batt. order) 4th March, '69,  
*Niagara*, 1871. Lieutenant 3rd December, 1869,  
     " 1872. Captain — —  
     " 1874. Second Class M. S. 20th April, '69,  
                First Class M. S. 17th Feb., 1870.
61. HOPE, Lieutenant, Robert Knight.  
*Grimsby*, 1870. Ensign (*pro.*) 17th Dec., 1869,  
*Niagara*, 1871. Ensign (*con.*) 9th May, 1872,  
     " 1872. Lieutenant 12th June, 1872,  
     " 1874. Second Class V. B. 1st May, 1872.
62. BARNARD, Lieutenant, Peter Benjamin.  
*Ridgeway and Port Colborne*, '66. Ensign 25th March, 1870,  
*Thorold*, 1866. Lieutenant 22nd March, 1872,  
*Grimsby*, 1870. Second Class V. B. June 19th, 1871.  
*Niagara*, 1871.  
     " 1872.  
     " 1874.
63. HOLDEN, Ensign, Charles Hyla.  
*Grimsby*, 1870. Ensign 25th March, 1870.  
*Niagara*, 1871. Retired 7th June, 1872.  
                Died March 9th, 1874.  
                Interred with Military honors.
64. DYETT, Ensign, Charles G.  
*Grimsby*, 1870. Ensign 13th May, 1870.  
*Niagara*, 1871. Second Class V. B. 19th June, 1871.  
     " 1872. Confirmed in rank 19th June, 1871.  
                Retired 10th October, 1873.

65. MACREADY, Adjutant, Joseph.  
*Grimsby*, 1870. Ensign and Adjutant 2nd June, 1871.  
*Niagara*, 1871. Drill Instructor 2nd June, 1871.  
 " 1872. First Class M. S. 18th August, 1865.  
 " 1874. A graduate of the Hythe School of Musketry.
66. GRIFFIN, Lieutenant, Gilbert Wakefield.  
*Grimsby*, 1870. Ensign 22nd March, 1872.  
*Niagara* 1871. Lieutenant 22nd November, 1873.  
 " 1872. Second Class M. S. 18th Aug., 1865.  
 " 1874.
67. ADAM, Ensign, James.  
 Ensign (*Pro.*) 22nd March, 1872.  
 A member of Wimbledon Team 1872.  
 Won Champion Medal of N. R. A. at New York, 1873.
68. KERR, Ensign, Edward Cartwright.  
*Niagara*, 1872. Ensign (*Pro.*) 7th June, 1872.  
 " 1874.
69. STRANGE, M. D., Assistant Surgeon, Henry.  
 Assistant Surgeon 7th June, 1872.  
*Niagara*, 1872. Retired 22nd November, 1873.  
 Died in Toronto 8th October, 1874.
70. MURPHY, Lieutenant, Daniel Sullivan.  
 Ensign 12th June, 1872.  
*Niagara*, 1872. Lieutenant 10th July, 1874.  
 " 1874. Second Class M. S. 12th June, 1868.
71. CROCKETT, Ensign, Robert.  
*Ridgeway and Port Colborne*, 1866. Ensign 22nd November, 1873.  
 Second Class M. S. 22nd March, 1872.

**Thorold** 1866.      First Class M. S. 4th April, 1872.

**Grimsby**, 1870.

**Niagara**, 1871.

" 1872.

" 1874.

**72. STONEMAN, Ensign, John.**

*Ridgeway and*      Ensign (*pro.*) 14th March, 1874.

*Port Colborne*, '65.

*Thorold*, 1866.

*Grimsby*, 1870.

*Niagara*, 1871.

" 1872.

" 1874.

**73. KITTSOn, M. D., Assistant Surgeon, Edmund  
Graves.**

*Niagara*, 1874.      Assistant Surgeon 19th June, 1874.

